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TITLE OF INVENTION: FRAMEWORK FOR A COMPOSITE APPLICATION AND A METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING A FRAME WORK FOR A COMPOSITE APPLICATION

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on November 19, 2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-7,9,12-15 and 17, renumbered as 1-11.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to the amendment filed on November 19, 2010.
2. **Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 12-15, and 17** are pending.
3. **Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 12-15, and 17** have been amended.
4. **Claims 2, 3, 8, 10, 11, and 16** have been canceled.
5. **Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 12-15, and 17** are allowed, renumbered as 1-11.
6. The objections to Claims 1 and 4-8 are withdrawn in view of Examiner's amendments to the claims.

Examiner's Amendment

7. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Steinberg (Reg. No. 40,829) on July 25, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 14, paragraph [0050] of the specification as follows:

In particular examples, layer 330 includes extensions to document management or content management that allow business objects to use the functionality for documents. For example, taxonomies for business objects, transparent indexing of ~~??????~~ TREX for structured and unstructured objects, and subscription services for dependent objects independent of the repository where the objects reside can be provided. Layer 330 can also provide transaction support, in as far as the transaction concept is also supported by concerned source systems, a metadata interface, allowing an application to be dynamically configured at run-time, and subscription services (e.g., J2EE publish and subscribe). Layer 330 can facilitate application building by configuration. This can be accomplished by providing standard interfaces with well-defined semantics, which allows components to be combined in a meaningful way and allowing objects to participate in a collaborative context, (e.g., chat room) by implementing certain interfaces. Service layer 340 provides services for business objects in layer 330. In general, services for business objects are common procedures that users need to interact effectively with the objects. A service layer can also provide other types of services, such as, for example, U-related service and/or collaboration services. Furthermore, the service layer can provide integration of external services.

Please amend the paragraph on page 16, paragraph [0055] of the specification as follows:

In a specific example, collaboration services are directly linked in the object modeling layer to business objects. Further, the object modeling layer includes a module 132 to derive object specific services from generic collaboration services. Each business object is a specific

instance of an object class. Module 132 can extend the object class by adding a generic collaboration service and operable to derive ~~[[n]]~~ an object class specific service from at ~~least~~ least one generic collaboration service. For example, with the composite application framework (CAF), business objects are modeled. Besides the modeling of the business object data structure and core life cycle services such as "create," "edit," "delete," the object designer, for example, the user, can assign pre-configured or tailored collaboration services to the business object that represent best practice collaboration scenarios around the particular object. Such pre-configured or tailored services can be derivatives of generic collaboration services, such as "feedback," "rating," "voting," "discussion," "comments," and so forth. A derivative of a generic collaboration service is a generic collaboration service wherein a more specific functionality of the service has been derived. Such pre-configured can be Guided Procedure templates that represent more complex work procedures. Further, such pre-configured or tailored collaboration services can include simple collaborative actions that represent one-step ad hoc people-to-people coordination patterns.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the "Amendments to the Claims" (received on 11/19/2010), please cancel Claims 8 and 16 and amend Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 12-15, and 17 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Apparatus~~ An apparatus comprising:

a computer to provide a computer-implemented framework for a composite application,
the computer-implemented framework comprising:

an object access layer to exchange data with enterprise base systems and to present the data to a composite application through a uniform interface;

a user interface (UI) layer to enable UI patterns that facilitate information exchange between the composite application and a user;

a business object modeling layer comprising a business object modeler to provide a user interface (UI) for constructing a business object; and

a service layer to enable services to the composite application, the service layer comprising a collaboration services module to enable collaboration services to the composite application, wherein the business object modeling layer directly linking links at least one of the collaboration services associated with the business object to the business object;

wherein the collaboration services module enables at least one generic collaboration service;

wherein the business object modeling layer that comprises the business object modeler to provide the user interface (UI) for constructing the business object comprises a module to derive at least one object specific service from the at least one generic collaboration service directly linked with the business object by the business object modeling layer; and

wherein the business object modeling layer that comprises the business object modeler to provide the user interface (UI) for constructing the business object is separate from the service layer that comprises the collaboration services module to enable collaboration services to the composite application.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer implemented framework apparatus~~ of claim 1 further comprising a process modeler including a context modeler for modeling a context, wherein the business object modeling layer comprises a module arranged to derive an object specific service from the at least one generic collaboration service on the basis of the modeled context.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer implemented framework apparatus~~ of claim 4 wherein each business object is a specific instance of an object class, and wherein the business object modeling layer comprises a module to extend the object class by adding a generic collaboration service and to derive an object class specific service from the at least one generic collaboration service.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer implemented framework apparatus~~ of claim 5[[.]] wherein the business object modeling layer [[is]] specializes the at least one generic collaboration service in accordance with the object class.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer implemented framework apparatus~~ of claim 1 wherein the business object modeling layer is included in a design time component.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of implementing a composite application in a framework, the computer-implemented method comprising:

accessing, by a computer, an object to exchange data with enterprise base systems and to present the data to a composite application through a uniform interface;

enabling, by a computer, a UI layer to provide UI patterns that facilitate information exchange between the composite application and a user;

modeling, by a computer, a business object to enable a user interface (UI) for constructing a business object;

enabling, by a computer, services to the composite application including providing collaboration services to the composite application, wherein the modeling comprises directly linking at least one of the collaboration services associated with the business object to the business object;

wherein the providing the collaboration services comprises enabling at least one generic collaboration service;

wherein the modeling comprises:

deriving at least one object specific service from the at least one generic collaboration service; and

providing [[an]] a business object modeling layer that comprises a business object modeler to provide the UI for constructing a business object; and

wherein the enabling services comprises:

providing a service layer that is to enable the services and is separate from the business object modeling layer.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 9 further comprising modeling, ~~by a computer, a process including~~ context, ~~wherein~~ the modeling ~~comprising~~ comprises deriving an object specific service from the at least one generic collaboration service on the basis of the modeled context.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 12 wherein each business object is a specific instance of an object class, and wherein the modeling comprises extending the object class by adding a generic collaboration service and deriving an object class specific service from the at least one generic collaboration service.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 13 wherein the modeling comprises specializing the at least one generic collaboration service in accordance with the object class.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 14 wherein the modeling ~~step~~ is carried out by a design time component.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a machine readable storage device having instructions executable by a computer to cause the computer to perform a method comprising:

accessing an object to exchange data with enterprise base systems and to present the data to a composite application through a uniform interface;

enabling a UI layer to provide UI patterns that facilitate information exchange between the composite application and a user;

modeling a business object to enable a user interface (UI) for constructing a business object;

enabling services to the composite application including providing collaboration services to the composite application, wherein the modeling comprises directly linking at least one of the collaboration services associated with the business object to the business object;

wherein the providing the collaboration services comprises enabling at least one generic collaboration service;

wherein the modeling comprises:

deriving at least one object specific service from the at least one generic collaboration service; and

providing [[an]] a business object modeling layer that comprises a business object modeler to provide the UI for constructing a business object; and

wherein the enabling services comprises:

providing a service layer that is to enable the services and is separate from the business object modeling layer.

-- END OF AMENDMENT --

Reasons for Allowance

8. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The cited prior art taken alone or in combination fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, "wherein the collaboration services module enables at least one generic collaboration service; wherein the business object modeling layer that comprises the business object modeler to provide the user interface (UI) for constructing the business object comprises a module to derive at least one object specific service from the at least one generic collaboration service directly linked with the business object by the business object modeling layer; and wherein the business object modeling layer that comprises the business object modeler to provide the user interface (UI) for constructing the business object is separate from the service layer that comprises the collaboration services module to enable collaboration services to the composite application" as recited in independent Claim 1; and further fail to teach, in combination with the other claimed limitations, similarly-worded limitations as recited in independent Claims 9 and 17.

The closest cited prior art, the combination of US 6,789,252 (hereinafter "Burke") and US 6,199,195 (hereinafter "Goodwin"), teaches a method and apparatus for creating and applying dynamically defined business objects used in computer systems, for using such business objects to configure business software applications, and for facilitating the automated sharing of business information across a business enterprise or with other business enterprises or

customers. However, the combination of Burke and Goodwin fails to teach “wherein the collaboration services module enables at least one generic collaboration service; wherein the business object modeling layer that comprises the business object modeler to provide the user interface (UI) for constructing the business object comprises a module to derive at least one object specific service from the at least one generic collaboration service directly linked with the business object by the business object modeling layer; and wherein the business object modeling layer that comprises the business object modeler to provide the user interface (UI) for constructing the business object is separate from the service layer that comprises the collaboration services module to enable collaboration services to the composite application” as recited in independent Claim 1; and further fails to teach similarly-worded limitations as recited in independent Claims 9 and 17.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Qing Chen whose telephone number is 571-270-1071. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The Examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

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